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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS- JERUSALEM FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, IS, US
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH BEGIN ON US ARMS SALES POLICIES

1. ROY ATHERTON AND I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO MEET THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 26, AT 0900 WITH BEGIN, DAYAN AND WEIZMAN. SUBJECT OF THE MEETING IS US ARMS SALES POLICIES, PRESUMABLY TO SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT BUT PERHAPS ALSO WITH REGARD TO THE PENDING ISRAELI REQUESTS. I ASSUME WE WILL GET SOME KIND OF MESSAGE TO CONVEY TO YOU OUT OF THIS MEETING.

2. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY AND ALL POSSIBLE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO ANTICIPATED ISRAELI PITCH. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE GUIDANCE ON EXACT STATE OF PLAY IN WASHINGTON AND ON WHAT HAS BEEN SAID PRIVATELY TO THE KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

3. WE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY ON THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE MOST RECENT EXCHANGES AMONG WASHINGTON, CAIRO
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AND JERUSALEM UNLESS YOU HAVE OTHER ADVICE OR INSTRUCTIONS FOR US AT THIS POINT.

4. BECAUSE OF TIME OF MEETING, WE WILL NEED WHATEVER GUIDANCE WASHINGTON WISHES TO PROVIDE BY COB TONIGHT, JANUARY 25. LEWIS

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